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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Serial Nos. Jan

Part B for May 35

SUBJECT.

Re- indecent Cinema Posters.

M. Abdul Aziz
6. 9. 35

REPLY

To be written on this margin.)

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

NOTE.

Dated 25.8 *1934.*

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C.5.35

does not get any reports about the working of the Bye-laws of censors for cinema films. I have heard complaints about indecent film posters — can nothing be done about this?

H.

Chief Secretary
Comptr

2) Urgent
Sec
25/8/34
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3' Reports on the working of Cinema Reg[n] and the Bye-laws constituted thereunder are being received. Some of these for 1933-34 have already been received and the file pertaining thereto is herewith for which they do not refer to posters

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REPLY

(To be written on this margin.)

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

NOTE.

Dated 25.8 *1934.*

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c. 35

Does not yet any reports about the working of the Bill of licences for cinema films - I have heard complaints about indecent ~~cinema~~ film posters - can nothing be done about these?

Chief Secretary
Comptr

2! Urgent
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25/8/34
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25/8/34

3' Reports on the working of Cinema Reg^n and the Rules constituted thereunder are being received. Some of these for 1933-34 have already been received and the file pertaining thereto is herewith. Others may do not refer to posters

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Under sec 56 (1) of the Police Act such exhibits may be seized & dealt with.

Sd

Bom 27/8

B

5) Reports on the working of the Cinematograph Regulation are being received from Dt. Magts & the D.S.P. wherein they refer to the working of the Censor Boards.

6) As regards indecent films no action is possible under the Cinema Regulation. But under Sec 292 of the Penal Code the exhibition of ~~obscene~~ obscene posters will be an offence.

[Sec 292 of the I.P.C. was amended by Act VIII of 1925 & we have added the amendment by Reg VIII of 1928]

The test of Obscenity is "Whether the tendency of the matter charged as Obscene is to deprave & corrupt those whose minds are open to such immoral influences into whose hands such a publication might fall" — There is perhaps a shade of difference between "indecent" & "obscene" — Indecency is an act against good behaviour & a post deb

obscenity is something which is offensive to
chastity or such indecency as is calculated
to promote the general corruption of
morals. Indecently posters which are
considered "grossly indecent" would come
under Sec 292 I.P.C as being obscene.
Whether a poster is obscene is a question
of fact.

If the Police may seize such
obscene posters under a warrant issued
by Courts under Sec. 95 Cr. Pr. Code (as
amended) Some specific & effective action is necessary
I think the G.S.P. may seek
Orders in the matter — A.
Chief Secretary)

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28/8/34

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29/8/34

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER C[illegible]
2 9 AUG. 1934
No. 1606

i) A. This may be sent
ii) B. Should like to see some more
reports

RL
30.8

Sd
Issue

TYPING SECTION
4. SEP. 1934
GEN[illegible] SECTT.

General and Revenue Secretariat

File No. 23 of 1934

Serial No.

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Forest Legislation

No P 12466 dt 5-9-34

Request to consider and suggest some means by which locust birds could be effectively controlled

13) Result with reference to para 10 of our notes. The reports are in the linked file

6/9

14) Legislation file 10-33 ; 1-10 contains reports on the working of the Boards and Regn in 1932-33. Regn is therein the subject.

The Reports for 1933-34 are now receiving and the file relating to them is also linked hereto

Done 6/9

15) To file

(Sd/- [illegible])

OFFICE OF THE FIRST [illegible] COUNCIL 6 SEPT. 1934 No. 1814

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b) Seen. These reports do not indicate how many flies were killed by the Govt & how many were bred. We desire to get information

Draft dated with reference to para 18

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15. SEP. 193
GENL. & REV. SECT

No. 22/35 dt. 17.9.34

to

Inspector General of Police

Call for information regarding films examined, passed & condemned during the last two years.

No. 22/35 dt. 26.9.34

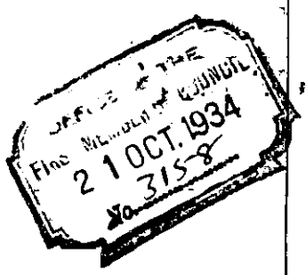
from

The Inspector General of Police Straits dated enquiry the last two years 1659 films were censored and that out of this except 6 all were issued on the strength of the certificates issued in Dr India and that six were examined by the Boards in Myore & that none were condemned.

21) The Inspector General of Police Straits dated as regards control of indecent posters the matter will be considered as soon as the new Ordinance Board are appointed with the refer

File No. of 193 4.

Serial No.



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Bom 2/10 [illegible] 3/10/34.

For personal the D. G. P. may be requested to (Chief Secretary) pay any attention to this matter 6/10/34

1st Memo. R2 20/10/34

21/10/34

R2 22/10/34

Draft Cancd Bom 24/10

J 24/10

Issued P 20 2304 29.10.34

No C 1-22/34 01

From

The Inspector General of Police States Head Simla

The Board will be closed as soon as the new Board meets and adds Cash, as there is no further work for Circular Reg^n, action has to be taken under S 292 I.P.C or the Police Act

Indecent Cinema poster

File No. of 193

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Re. [illegible] further explanation that instructions to Cinema by Police are under the General Laws and that the D.I.O in Bangalore were requested to do similarly.

Noted

Re proposed amendment of the Bombay Act we have watched. Such action as is possible under the I.P.C etc will it is stated be taken.

Chief Secretary 4/30/11/34

Subd for perusal

RR 23/11/34 [illegible]

1st Member

[illegible] 24/11

RR 1.4.11.34

[illegible] 24/11

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT 23 NOV. 1934 No. 4088

Regulation passed Vide Legis 17-35 - 1. Regn. Vol

Secl C 24.11.34

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. P. 2481 Dated, Bangalore, 4th September 1934.

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From

The *Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

To

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

It has come to the notice of Government that indecent posters are being exhibited before Cinema houses now and then. In this connection, I am directed to request you to be so good as to consider and suggest some means by which such things could be effectively controlled.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Govt.

Appendix F G—

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Section Legis

File No. 23-34

Serial No. 1

No. P 1248/—

To

The Inspector General

of Police in myan

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for Chief Secy

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WD 01956—GPB—22,500—12-6-34

The Madras Mail

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1934

INDECENT FILM POSTERS

Madras Appraisal Committee's Appeal

MADRAS, Aug. 31.

The Hon. Secretary of the Film Appraisal Committee writes:

The Film Appraisal Committee has learnt that many of the people of Madras are ignorant of the fact that any citizen who takes exception to the exhibition of an indecent film poster has the right to approach the Commissioner of Police with a request that it be removed or replaced. Such a request may be tendered either directly or through the local police officers.

The Film Appraisal Committee therefore calls upon citizens to use the power that is theirs. From the eyes of our boys and girls, young men and women may be removed much that is ill-pleasing if only we ACT. An indecent poster does more harm than an indecent film, for almost every one sees the poster and only a small percentage of the population see the actual film.

In the course of its report the Indian Cinematograph Committee, appointed by the Government of India observed as follows:—"It is undoubtedly true that posters like any other catch-penny device are often much more lurid than the goods which they advertise, and at times refer to scenes which have been excised either by the censor or by the exhibitor himself. . . . . Occasionally ıese posters are distinctly suggestive. nd as they are posted in public places. ıay and do at times offend the cultured nd do moral harm to the ignorant and dolescent."

This was the considered opinion of a ery responsible body six years ago. The passage of time has made the situation nly worse.

The Film Appraisal Committee appeals to all, and particularly to parents and teachers, to take prompt action whenever an undesirable poster is exhibited. The result will surely be not only the removal of what is unsightly, but the encouragement of finer posters in many cases more appropriate to the film advertised.

The Film Appraisal Committee appeals to all cinema managers to co-operate with the public in this endeavour to [illegible] advertisements more worthy of

Indecent Posters

The Film Appraisal Committee's reminder that every citizen has the right to approach the Commissioner of Police with a request that an indecent poster shall be removed or replaced serves to emphasise the fact that every citizen has a part to play in cleansing the city of the undesirable. Our correspondence columns have borne testimony to the determination of consumers not to purchase goods advertised on hoardings which spoil our beauty spots or deface our streets. Unfortunately, the Commissioner of Police has no power to order the removal of such blots, but the public can enforce their removal by concerted action. So, too, with indecent posters of any kind. Our experience is that cinema managers are always ready to meet the wishes of the public in this matter, and will respond to the utmost of their ability to the appeal of the Appraisal Committee to secure worthy posters. They are not altogether free agents and the backing of citizens will be helpful to them in influencing the producers to supply inoffensive publicity.

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Section Legis

File No. 23-34

Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No. P 14474

To

The Inspector General
of Police

Sir,

In Continuation of
This Office letter No P/1248
Legis 23-34-1 of 5.9.34
re indecent posters, I
am directed to request
you to be so good as to
report for the information
of Govt, how many
films were examined and
passed by the Board Censors
Boards in the State during
the last twelve months and

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 17/9/34

Signed by J. W. C. Rae

List of enclosures .....

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How many were end.
during the period

I am to add that
information on the above
said lines may be included
in the annual Report
submitted to Govt annually
on the working of
Cinema Reg^{n} & Boards
constituted there under

I have etc

Chief Secy to Govt

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. P 1647

Bangalore, Dated, 14th September 1934.

From

The *Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No. P. 1248 / Legis. 23-34-1 dated 5th September 1934 regarding indecent posters, I am directed to request you to be so good as to report for the information of Government, how many films were examined and passe by the several Cinema Boards in the State during the last two years and how many were condemned during the period.

I am to add that information on the above said lines may be included in the annual reports submitted to Government on the working of Cinema Regulation and Boards constituted thereunder.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary to Government.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Tel. Address: "POLICE"
Phone No. 298

When replying please quote No.

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 26th September *193* 4

FROM

K. V. ANANTARAMAN, ESQ., B.A.,
Offg. *Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,*
Bangalore.

To

R. Ranga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.P.1447/ Legis. 23-34-2 dated 15/17-9-34 regarding the number of films examined and passed by the several Cinematograph Boards of the State during the last two years, I have the honour to note in the margin the number of films certified by the several Boards and to state that the certificates for this number except 6 were issued on the strength of those issued in British India. Six films were examined before the issue of certificates, 5 by Bangalore Board and one by Tumkur Board.

Bangalore	716
Mysore	651
K.G.F.	100
Tumkur	120
Shimoga	35
Davangere	37
Total	1659

1/ No film was condemned by any of the Boards but those condemned or prohibited in British India are not being allowed to be exhibited in the State. Cafe is taken that the portions excised by the Foreign Boards are also omitted here.

2/ Information on these lines is being included in the report submitted to Government on the working of Cinema Regulation and Board constituted thereunder. In this connection kind reference is invited to this office letter No.C2.676/33-34 dated 16-8-34 submitting the report on the working of the Regulation for the half year ending with 30th June 1934.

4/ As regards the control of indecent posters, referred to in your letter No.1248 dated 5-9-1934 the matter will be considered as

as soon as the new Board is formed and meets and recommendations will be sent to Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K V Aram Tarcanas

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Tel. Address
"POLICE"
PHONE No. 298

When replying please quote
No. C.1.22/34

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, ...3rd November.....1934.

FROM

F. A. HAMILTON, ESQ., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

TO

RAJASEVASAKTA
R.RANGA RAO,ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,Bangalore

5 NOV. 1934

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.P.2023-Legis.23-24 dated the 6 29th October 1934 regarding the control of indecent cinema posters, I have the honour to state that proposals were sent up to Government for the formation of a new Cinematograph Board in Mr.Anantaraman's letter No.C-1-5 dated 27th August 1934 on which orders are awaited. As soon as the new Board begins to function, the matter will be put before the Board and its recommendations sent to Government.

2. As things stand at present, there is no power under the Cinematograph Regulation to control the use of indecent posters. Action has to be taken by the local Police under Section 292 I.P.C. or und the Police Regulation. I understand in Madras complaints are made generally to the Commissioner of Police, who acts under the General Laws. It should not be difficult here also to do similarly if info tion is furnished to the Dist.Superintendent of Police, Bangalore C by persons interested in preventing the display of such posters. District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City will be asked to on the look out of such posters.

3. The Executive Committee of the State Association for Moral and Social Hygiene in Mysore had addressed a letter to the Secretary

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the amendment of the Cinematograph Act to admit of proper control being exercised over such displays. The passage of that proposal will be watched and a report made, should such a measure be deemed necessary here.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. D. Samuels

Inspector General of Police.

REGULATION V OF 1935.

REGULATION TO AMEND THE CINEMATOGRAPH REGULATION XII OF 1923.

Price: 0-0-9

NOTIFICATION.

Order No. P. 341—Legis., dated Bangalore, 15th July 1935.

Ordered that the accompanying Regulation to amend the Cinematograph Regulation, 1923, which received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja, on the 9th day of July 1935, be published as Regulation No. V of 1935, in the *Mysore Gazette* for general information.

By Order,

H. V. RAMASVAMI,

Secretary to Government,
General Department.

REGULATION V OF 1935.

(Received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the 9th day of July 1935.)

Regulation to amend the Cinematograph Regulation XII of 1923.

Preamble. Whereas it is expedient to amend the Cinematograph Regulation, 1923; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Short title. 1. This Regulation may be called the Cinematograph (Amendment) Regulation, 1935.

Amendment of section 5. 2. In section 5 of the Cinematograph Regulation, 1923 (hereinafter referred to as the said Regulation), sub-section (3) shall be re-numbered as sub-section (4) and the following sub-section shall be inserted as sub-section (3), namely :—

"(3) A further condition shall be inserted in every license that the licensee will not exhibit or permit to be exhibited in public any advertising matter consisting of or containing any pictorial representation which has not been certified as suitable for publication by an authority constituted under section 7 or distribute or publish, or cause to be distributed or published, any such matter."

Amendment of section 6.

3. In section 6 of the said Regulation—

(*a*) sub-section (2) shall be re-numbered as sub-section (3) and in that sub-section as so re-numbered, after the word "film" in both places where it occurs, the words "or advertising matter" shall be inserted; and

(*b*) the following sub-section shall be inserted as sub-section (2), namely:—

"(2) If the owner or person in charge of a cinematograph, or the producer or importer of a film, exhibits or permits to be exhibited in public any advertising matter consisting of or containing any pictorial representation which has not been certified as suitable for publication by an authority constituted under section 7 or distributes or publishes or causes to be distributed or published any such matter, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees and in the case of a continuing offence with a further fine which may extend to fifty rupees for each day during which the offence continues, and if the offender is the owner or person in charge of a cinematograph his license (if any) shall be liable to be revoked by the licensing authority."

Amendment of section 7.

4. In section 7 of the said Regulation—

(*a*) In sub-section (1), for the words "and certifying films, as suitable for public exhibition, and" the following words shall be substituted, namely:—

"films and pictorial representations intended for use as advertising matter, and of certifying films as suitable for public exhibition and pictorial representations as suitable for publication, and may;"

(*b*) in sub-section (2)—

(i) After the word "exhibition" the words "or that a pictorial representation is suitable for publication" shall be inserted; and

(ii) after the word "film" where it occurs for the second time, the words "or pictorial representation, as the case may be," shall be inserted;

(*c*) in sub-section (3)—

(i) in clause (*a*), after the word "exhibition" the words "or that a pictorial representation is not suitable for publication" shall be inserted; and

(ii) In clause (*b*), after the word "film" where it occurs for the first time, the words "or pictorial representation, as the case may be" shall be inserted, and after the word "film" where it occurs for the second and third times, the words "or pictorial representation" shall be inserted;

(*d*) in sub-section (4), after the word "exhibited" the words "or the production before itself of any certified pictorial representation which it has reason to believe is about to be used as advertising matter" shall be inserted and after the word "film," where it occurs for the second, third and fourth times, the words "or pictorial representation" shall be inserted;

(*e*) in sub-section (5), after the word "film" in each place where it occurs, the words "or pictorial representation" shall be inserted;

(*f*) in sub-section (6), after the word "film" in both places where it occurs, the words "or pictorial representation" shall be inserted;

(*g*) in sub-section (7), after the word "film" in both places where it occurs, the words "or pictorial representation" shall be inserted; and

(*h*) in sub-section (8) after the word "film" the words "or the use as advertising matter of a pictorial representation" shall be inserted, and after the words, brackets and figure "in sub-section (2)" the words, brackets and figure "or sub-section (3), as the case may be," shall be inserted.

Amendment of section 8.

5. In clause (*b*) of sub-section (2) of section 8 of the said Regulation, for the words "constituted for examining and certifying films as suitable for public exhibition" the words and figure "constituted under section 7" shall be substituted.

MIRZA M. ISMAIL,
Dewan.

Printed by the Superintendent at the Government Press, Bangalore.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. *dated*

SUBJECT.

(1) May this be placed at the disposal of the Press:—

(2) May this be translated:—

(3) May this be treated as Standing Order:—